

ROOT FILES ANSWER TO MISS TAYLOR.

Secretary of War Claims Right to Discharge Clerks Who Criticize Administration.

CIVIL-SERVICE LAW INVOLVED.

Reformers Declare That Removal for Such a Cause Is in Violation of the Code.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The Secretary of War today filed in court his answer to the petition of Miss Rebecca J. Taylor of Minnesota for a writ of mandamus. Miss Taylor has asked the Supreme Court of the District to compel Secretary Root, by writ of mandamus, to reinstate her as a clerk in the War Department. She was recently discharged for writing an article published in a newspaper, criticizing the administration's Philippine policy.

It is contended by Miss Taylor that her dismissal was in violation of the civil service law. The Secretary's answer is quite extended. It does not deny that Miss Taylor was an efficient clerk in good standing, but asserts the right of a head of department to discharge a clerk for criticism of the administration.

The outcome of this suit will be watched with interest by civil service reformers who hold that if a clerk under the civil service law can be discharged for criticism of the President or the policy of party in power then there is very little real protection from removal for political reasons. The Secretary expressly denies that the removal was for political reasons, but admits that it was because of Miss Taylor's criticisms of the imperialistic policy of the administration.

Miss Taylor is related to Representative Henry H. Burton of New York. She is admitted to have been a capable clerk. Her published articles show her to be a clear-headed writer with remarkable fearlessness and at the same time dignified in her criticism. There was nothing abusive in her criticism and the general opinion is that the War Department made a political as well as a legal mistake in removing her for expressing sentiments almost identical with those voiced in the Senate by Mr. Hearst of New York.

If the court should compel her reinstatement on the ground that her removal is admitted to have been for political reasons only and therefore contrary to law, it would not surprise those who are agitating for genuine civil service reform.

PRISONERS PLANNED DELIVERY.

Four Saved Through Cell Bars at Charleston, Ill.

Charleston, Ill., Aug. 9.—An attempt to break jail here was frustrated last night by the turnkey. In passing through a cell in which four prisoners were held, the turnkey saw the prisoners and they were taken to the cell and locked in.

On closer investigation it was found that the four prisoners were not the men who were supposed to have broken out of the cell. It was evidently the intention of the men to leave some for there was only a few minutes warning given for the prisoners to get ready. The men were taken to the cell and locked in. The prisoners were taken to the cell and locked in.

SIAMESE UPRISING SPREADS.

Effort to Be Made to Protect American Women and Children.

Washington, Aug. 9.—United States Minister King at Bangkok, Siam, has informed the State Department that the Siamese uprising recently reported is spreading. Nakawan already having been captured. Chienkuan, a Siamese, thought to be in danger, is reported as safe. An endeavor was made to bring into the capital American women and children in the zone of disturbance. Siamese troops are expected to arrive August 17 to protect them.

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A former director of the Minister King stated that the Siamese were in rebellion and had captured the town of Prana.

VISITORS AT ST. LOUIS HOTELS.

James W. Sullivan of Dayton, O., is registered at the St. Nicholas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider of Jonesboro, Ark., are at the Lindell.

William H. Smith of San Francisco, Cal., is stopping at the Planters.

Miss Mary C. Snyder of St. Louis, Mo., is at the Southern.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence of Springfield, Ill., are at the Missouri.

Mr. L. Patrick of Kokomo, Ind., is a guest at the Hotel.

Mr. L. R. Bryson of Memphis, Tenn., is a guest at the St. Nicholas.

F. D. Stephenson of Salt Lake City, Utah, is stopping at the Lindell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bingham of Memphis, Tenn., are at the Southern.

Mr. L. R. Hatcher of Louisville, Ky., is at the Lindell.

Mr. J. Perry of Springfield, Mo., is registered at the St. Nicholas.

Mr. J. E. Carr of Hannibal, Mo., is a guest at the Lindell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. of Nashville, Tenn., are at the Planters.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hopkins of Baltimore, Md., are at the Southern.

Mr. E. H. Fisher of Cape Girardeau, Mo., is at the Lindell.

Mr. F. E. of New York was among yesterday's arrivals.

Mr. H. Chancellor of Smithville, Tex., has rooms at the Lindell.

Mr. E. H. of Philadelphia, Pa., spent yesterday at the Planters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. of Dallas, Tex., are at the Southern.

Mr. J. McHenry of Carthage, Mo., was at the Lindell yesterday.

Mr. E. Mead of Chicago, Ill., arrived at the St. Nicholas yesterday.

Mr. Samuel Kornick of Phoenix, Ariz., is registered at the Lindell.

Mr. E. R. Jones of El Paso, Mexico, has rooms at the Planters.

Mr. E. Taylor of Hallsville, Mo., is at the Southern.

Mr. W. L. Walker of Mansfield, Tex., is a guest at the Lindell.

Mr. G. H. Bohmer Shoe Company has inaugurated a midsummer sale of shoes and slippers to undersell all competitors in high and medium-grade shoes.

The first two days of their thirty-day semiannual clearing sale, it is stated, they turned away more people than an ordinary shoe store. This was due to the fact that the store is particularly remarkable when it is taken into consideration that their present store is on 4th North Broadway, where the old store was. The store is still on. Mr. Bohmer says that at this sale there will be offered no shoes or old styles of any kind, and that the effort will be to offer up-to-date shoes at prices lower than footgear can be bought elsewhere.

Crushed to Death. A young man, Aug. 9.—John H. Kemp was killed this morning at his home at 400 North Broadway by a log rolling on him while he was trying to load it on a wagon.

REMAINS MASTERY OF NEW JERSEY VILLAGE.

Attractive Atlantic Highlands Women Officiate at Town Hall, Post Office and in the Street—Board of Public Improvements Composed Entirely of Ladies.

MAYOR SAYS THAT "PETTICOAT DOMINATION" IS A SUCCESS.

Newark, N. J., Aug. 9.—If you are a woman and womanlike, inclined at times to more or less pessimistic political views, you will find the town of Atlantic Highlands, N. J. Here you will receive a practical object lesson of what woman and girls are doing and can do in the management of municipal affairs.

Two of the most important public offices of the borough are filled with distinguished ability by more slips of girls. Miss Louise Snyder is the Postmistress and Miss Mary D. Hart is the Town Clerk. They are both under 25, and pretty, vivacious and attractive. Moreover, the town, from the Mayor to the man who drives the water cart, are unanimous in saying that never in all the history of the town has Atlantic Highlands been better served, and rarely ever so well served as under so-called "petticoat domination."

Nor does the feminine influence end here. What is still more remarkable, the Board of Public Improvements is likewise composed entirely of women. It really seems as though in this beautiful seaside town woman had at least come to her own.

It is not only the Board of Public Improvements, but the Board of the town, which is a large section of the place. "The women run the town."

And it is even being hinted that the next Mayor shall be a woman.

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HORSE KIDNAPERS SHOT AT MIDNIGHT.

Neighborhood, Aroused From Slumber by Pistol Shots, Rushed to Scene.

EXPECTED TO FIND MURDER.

Policeman Rindel Had Only Killed Henry Plueck's Dangerous Beast and the Crowd Was Disappointed.

Two revolver shots aroused sleeping residents in the neighborhood of the Chesapeake and Michigan streets shortly after midnight yesterday morning, and that some bloody crime was being committed was the suspicion of every resident in the block as they sprang from their beds and hastened to the windows.

The shots had emanated from the yard in the rear of the home of Henry Plueck, a butcher living at No. 217 Cherokee street, and before the echo of the reports had died away, a crowd of several hundred persons gathered about the Plueck home, eagerly awaiting to see what tragedy had occurred.

No human gossamer followed the firing of the shots, however, and when onlookers gathered about the Plueck home, they were disappointed to find that the shots had been fired by a crowd of about twenty persons who were waiting for the police to arrive. The crowd was disappointed to find that the shots had been fired by a crowd of about twenty persons who were waiting for the police to arrive.

While the anxious crowd was discussing the shooting, Policeman Rindel of the Third Precinct, who had been called to the scene from the direction of the Plueck back yard, "I got him all right," said Rindel, eying the crowd.

"Got who?" asked several persons at once. "Did you kill somebody?" "No," replied the policeman. "I killed a dangerous beast. The crowd was disappointed to find that the shots had been fired by a crowd of about twenty persons who were waiting for the police to arrive.

Further explanation served to show that Plueck's horse had become mad as the result of being bitten by a dog and the owner, fearing that the horse might do some thing disastrous, had requested Policeman Rindel to shoot him. The policeman's aim was true, and the horse was killed.

When they learned that no tragedy had been committed, Plueck's neighbors dispersed in the most disappointed frame of mind.

OBITUARY.

WILL BE BURIED IN ST. LOUIS.

Funeral Service Over Body of John Debus Held in Washington.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The funeral ceremonies over the body of John Debus, an employee of the Government Printing Office, who died at his home in Washington, D. C., on August 7, were held at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Debus, on August 9. The funeral was held at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Debus, on August 9.

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